



Buena Vista Trails Advisory Board
August 3, 2010
Public Works Building

Present: Lois Walton, Dick Scar, Bob Gray, Fran Rulon-Miller, Ed Eberle, Shannon Haydin, Rachel Friedman, Roy Gertson, Rachel Friedman, Keith Baker, Kathy Hoerlein

Guests: Kurt Scheidt - HS Metal Shop, Michael Stolba – Eagle Scout

1. Lois called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.
2. July 6, 2010 Minutes approved as written.

Presentation – Kurt and Michael presented a project for a foot bridge in the school Marquard Nature Area. At present the secondary trail is 18" -36" wide with an exposed culvert. The plan is to take the curve out, replace the culvert and make the foot bridge 10' wide composed of steel and concrete. They produced a cost (estimated at \$1,026.12) and materials sheet requesting support and funding from the Trails Board. The project is to be completed by mid October. Discussion acknowledged our desire to pursue a joint agreement for trail maintenance between town and school in regard to the Nature Area. Bob felt the main trail should be upgraded to BV trail standards and maintained by town. We would like to pursue a trail easement. Kurt said he and Jeff Keidel (biology teacher) would be the liaison between school and town. Roy said there would be remaining funds from the SWCC work and he would know how much in two weeks. Bob made **Motion #1** that if trail funds are available for \$1,026.12 to make the payment to the shop class as a good will gesture because of all the work the metal shop students have done for trail improvements in the past. Ed seconded and motion carried unanimously. The deadline is Oct. 31.

OLD BUSINESS

Updates:

- Status of subdivisions with relation to trail development – Shannon showed the map of Colorado Central Filing 1 that indicated a 10' wide trail along CR 319 on the west side from CMC to Gregg Dr. It would be for both pedestrians and bikes composed of crusher fines or recycled asphalt. Members supported the trail and would include a connection across Gregg Dr. to Steele to the north side and east to the DOW trail. Also recommended was a trail connection from the future College Ave. to Gregg Dr. Kathy will write a memo for Town Trustees and send it to Shannon.
- Other trail development – DOC work – Roy reported the DOC spent 1 week weeding at the BV Wildlife Area and a week weeding along Ramsour. It was mentioned for us to learn more about weed treatment and eradication. The fence project Along Ramsour is costly for 400' of fence and will need a survey for the property line on the 25' easement. A possibility is to install less fencing – just at the key areas. Another rock sign will also be needed.

We discussed the value of sponsoring the SWCC in the future. We understand the value of the SWCC program and feel the service to the community and the involvement of the youth work crew is valuable. If in the future the SWCC is used for trail work using trail funds, then it should directly benefit the BV trail system.

- DOW letter from Town – Rachel reported the letter was sent but no reply as yet. A gate has been installed at the northern end. A gate will be needed at the southern end. If funds are available, Roy will work on the surface this month.
- Designs for trail benches – Ed has done some internet searches and cost of materials. He would like to see a variety of themes (mining, recreation, history). He will talk with Kurt Scheidt about designs.
- Trail map and flier – Ed has been taking some video along the Arkansas River Trail and would like to have a video for each trail on our website.
- SWCC Education class – Ed reported that he and Vicki (his wife) divided the crew into middle and high school groups and conducted a water quality class including water temperature for fish, pH, health and oxygen content. They also had nets and turned over rocks to collect insects and identify larvae and flies. It was a fun and successful event. Thanks again to Ed.
- Update on CDOT Enhancement Grants – Rachel reported that the engineer design would occur this fall.
- S.P.O.T. County Trails plan – Lois brought up that S.P.O.T. is a nonprofit organization and wasn't sure what their part was in the plan. Rachel said the county adopted the trails plan.
- LSC trail update – Lois reported that Alan had an update and Fran asked if she could email his report to members.
- Volunteer Day for trail work – It was agreed that spring 2011 would be a good time. Lois will check with Steve Reese from Forest Service.

NEW BUSINESS

- Conservation Trust Fund monies from County for projects in Northern Chaffee County (town staff) – Shannon reported that she only has information from 2008. The Bouldering Park received \$11,500 and the Whitewater Park received \$5,000. There was \$60,000 (match for CDOT funds) in 2009 but not sure if any from county CT Funds. Further checking will be needed.
- Upcoming events – Roy reported that CycleCross will return again this fall. Also on Oct. 10 Clearview Church will have a church group (about 20 for 4 hours) that will be working on the Ripple Rock Trail rerocking the edges.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Next Meeting: September 7, 2010 9:00 a.m. Public Works

Minutes submitted by Kathy Hoerlein